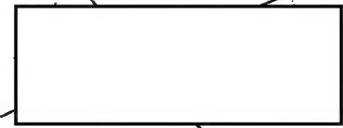


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office

SUBJECT: Storage of U-2C/G Aircraft

REFERENCE:  dated 16 June 1969, Same Subject

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1. The referent memorandum authorized the flying of one U-2C/G aircraft for the IDEALIST program and one for the SENIOR YEAR program. These aircraft were authorized for the purpose of "advanced attrition" for possible replacement of anticipated losses of U-2R type aircraft. If, as is presently contemplated, some U-2R aircraft are placed in storage, the requirement for U-2C/G aircraft for attrition is no longer valid. Attrition losses can be replaced utilizing stored U-2R assets.

2. Since the reduction in the numbers of operating U-2R aircraft was proposed to enable reductions in the operating budget authorizations for the U-2 programs, it is suggested that the following be considered as an initial step in reducing aircraft operating costs:

- a. Cease flying U-2C/G aircraft immediately.
 - b. Remove all engines and place in U-2R engine pool.
 - c. Remove all "R" applicable parts and instruments from U-2C/G aircraft and return to Warner Robins Project Depot.
 - d. Scrap all remaining U-2C/G airframes.
 - e. Scrap all sub-systems and sensors which have applicability only to U-2C/G aircraft.
- USAF review(s) completed.**
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3. The above actions would result in a saving to the IDEALIST program of approximately [] per year for aircraft maintenance personnel, plus additional savings of approximately [] annually in operating costs per U-2C/G flying. Additional savings in unidentifiable amounts will accrue from the elimination from the operating inventory of U-2C/G peculiar equipment, which is being maintained in flyable condition for the U-2C/G aircraft presently flying. Examples:

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a. Partial pressure suits would be eliminated, thereby reducing the workload of the personal equipment personnel.

b. Maintenance of stocks of U-2C/G peculiar parts would become unnecessary, thereby reducing the workload of unit supply and of the Project Depot.

4. It is requested that immediate approval be given to the recommendation for cessation of flying of the U-2C/G aircraft, and for reclamation of the related assets.

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